

FISHERIES ORDER

Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Waters Order 206.25

By authority conferred on the Natural Resources Commission and the Department of Natural Resources by Part 487 and Part 491 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.48701 to 324.48740, it is ordered on October 10, 2024 the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read effective April 1, 2025, as follows:

The following special regulations are in effect for warmwater species on the selected waters and supersede those regulations that in any way conflict with those listed below:

Alcona County

Badger Lake (T28N, R3E, S35) and McCollum Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Alger County

Echo and Duck Lakes on Grand Island: the possession limit for Smallmouth Bass is zero (0).

Au Train basin, 16 Mile Lake, Echo Lake, Nawakwa Lake, and Trout Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Grand Sable Lake: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Allegan County

Pine Creek Flooding: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Antrim County

Clam Lake including all tributaries, Elk Lake (above Elk Rapids Dam) including all tributaries, Lake Bellaire including all tributaries upstream to Bellaire Dam, Lake Skegemog including all tributaries, and Torch Lake including all tributaries: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 50-inches.

Beals Lake including all tributaries, Benway Lake including all tributaries, Elsworth Lake including all tributaries, Hanley Lake including all tributaries, Intermediate Lake from Bellaire Dam upstream including all tributaries, Saint Clair Lake including all tributaries, Scotts Lake including all tributaries, Six Mile Lake including all tributaries, and Wilson Lake including all tributaries: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46-inches.

Beals Lake, Benway Lake, Elsworth Lake, Hanley Lake, Scotts Lake, Six Mile Lake (Antrim and Charlevoix Counties), St. Clair Lake (Antrim and Charlevoix Counties), and Wilson Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Baraga County

Vermillac (Worm) Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Barry County

Gun Lake: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46-inches.

Thornapple River (including Thornapple Lake) from the M-50 bridge downstream to the McCann Road crossing and including Mud Creek from Barger Road downstream to Thornapple Lake: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 50-inches.

Williams Lake: the fishing season shall be the last Saturday in April through December 15, inclusive. The daily possession limit is zero (0).

Gull Lake: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Benzie County

Long Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Calhoun County

Harts Lake (T2S, R8W, S7, 18): the daily possession limit is zero (0).

Cass County

Corey Lake (T6S, R13W, S24) Little Crooked Lake, and Stone Lake (T6S, R15W, S35): the minimum size limit on Largemouth Bass is 10-inches.

Diamond Lake and Magician Lake: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Charlevoix County

Saint Clair Lake including all tributaries and Six Mile Lake including all tributaries: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46-inches.

Deer Lake, Fox Lake, Geneserath Lake, Six Mile Lake (Antrim and Charlevoix Counties), St. Clair Lake (Antrim and Charlevoix Counties), and Susan Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Cheboygan County

Black Lake including all tributaries and Black River including all tributaries (upstream to Kleber Dam), Burt Lake, Cheboygan River, Crooked River (downstream from Crooked Lake confluence), Indian River, Mullet Lake: the minimum size limit on Muskellunge is 46-inches.

Black Lake including all tributaries and Black River from Alverno Dam upstream, Black River upstream of Tower Dam (includes Tower Pond) and tributary streams only, Silver Lake (T33N, R3W, S11, 12), Wildwood Lake (T33N, R2W, S21), and Paradise (Carp) Lake (Cheboygan and Emmet Counties): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Cheboygan River from the south end of the outermost breakwall on Mullett Lake downstream to Cheboygan Dam, and Black River from Alverno Dam downstream to its confluence with the Cheboygan River: the possession season for walleye shall be May 15 – March 15, inclusive.

Chippewa County

St. Marys River (from compensating gates downstream to DeTour/Drummond Island Ferry docks): the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46-inches.

Frenchman Lake (T44N, R6W, S23, 25, 26) and Trout (Carp) Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Clare County

Eight Point Lake, Lake George, Lake Thirteen, Little Long Lake, and Long Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Crawford County

Jones Lake (T28N, R2W, S30, 31): the fishing season shall be from the last Saturday in April through September 30, inclusive. Tackle: artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food at any time on the shore or water. Daily possession limit is zero (0).

Wakeley Lake (T26N, R2W, S23): the fishing season shall be from the last Saturday in April through September 30, inclusive. The daily possession limit is zero (0). Tackle: Artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food at any time on the shore or water.

Big Creek Impoundment (T28N, R1W, S24, 25), River Lake (T28N, R2W, S30), and Pickerel Lake (Crawford and Oscoda Counties, T24N, R1W, S24 and T28N, R1E, S19): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Delta County

Chicago Lake, Carr Lake, Hamilton (McDonald) Lake, Lyman Lake, Escanaba River upstream from first dam at US-2, Round Lake (T40N, R20W, S1): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Dickinson County

Hamilton Lake, Lake Louise, Lake Mary, Norway Lake, Rock Lake, and Sawyer Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater. (Norway Lake and Rock Lake waters shall expire on September 15, 2028).

Eaton County

Thornapple River (including Thornapple Lake) from the M-50 bridge downstream to the McCann Road crossing and including Mud Creek from Barger Road downstream to Thornapple Lake: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 50-inches.

Emmet County

Crooked River (downstream from Crooked Lake confluence): the minimum size limit on Muskellunge is 46-inches.

Crooked Lake, French Farm Lake Flooding, O'Neal Lake Flooding, Paradise (Carp) Lake (Cheboygan and Emmet Counties), and Pickerel Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Gladwin County

Lake Lancelot, Lake Lancer and Wiggins Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Gogebic County

Chaney Lake, Cisco Lake, Thousand Island Lake, Lindsley Lake, Poor Lake, Big African Lake, Little African Lake, Clearwater Lake, East Bay Lake, Fishhawk Lake, Indian Lake, Lake Gogebic, Morley Lake, Record Lake and Sunday Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Grand Traverse County

Elk Lake (above Elk Rapids Dam) including all tributaries and Lake Skegemog including all tributaries: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 50-inches.

Arbutus Lake and Spider Lake (T26N, R10W, S9, 10): the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 10-inches.

Boardman Lake, and Lake Dubonnet: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Hillsdale County

Lake Diane: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 38-inches.

Houghton County

Portage and Torch Lake systems: no more than one (1) Walleye over 23 inches may be possessed in the daily possession limit.

Prickett Impoundment and Rice Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Ionia County

Woodard Lake: the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 10-inches.

Long Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Iosco County

Chain Lakes: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Iron County

Chicagon Lake including all tributaries: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 50-inches.

Lake Ottawa the daily possession limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is zero (0).

Fire Lake and Indian Lake: the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 18-inches. The daily possession limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is one (1).

Bass Lake, Bone Lake, Brule Lake, Buck Lake, Dawson Lake, Deer River, Hemlock Falls Reservoir, Indian Lake, Iron Lake, Lake Mary, Lake St. Kathryn, Michigamme Falls Reservoir, Michigamme Reservoir, Net River, Net River Wide Waters, Paint Lake, Paint River Pond (downstream of Horserace Rapids and upstream of Frog Island), Peavy Pond, Perch Lake, Railroad Lake, Runkle Lake, Shank Lake, Sunset Lake, and Winslow Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater. (Dawson Lake water shall expire on September 15, 2028).

Kalamazoo County

Gull Lake and Long Lake (T3S, R10W, S17, 18, 19, 30): protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Kalkaska County

Lake Skegemog including all tributaries: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 50-inches.

Cub Lake (T27N, R5W, S19): the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 10-inches.

Kent County

Murray Lake: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46-inches.

Bass Lake (T10N, R9W, S12, 13, 14) and Wabasis Lake: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Scram Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Pratt Lake: the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 10-inches.

Grand River (downstream from Sixth Street Dam): the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46 inches.

Keweenaw County

Schlatter Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Lake County

Big Bass Lake (T20N, R14W, S34): the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 10-inches.

Leelanau County

North Manitou Lake (T32N, R14W, S29, 32): the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 18-inches. The daily possession limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is one (1). Tackle: Artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food at any time on the shore or water.

Florence Lake (T31N, R15W, S9): Tackle: Artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food at any time on the shore or water. No size limit on

Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Lenawee County

Lake Hudson: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 50 inches.

Luce County

Blind Sucker Flooding and Bodi Lake: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

East Lake, Kaks Lake, and Muskallonge Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Tahquamenon River and Tributaries upstream from Upper Falls: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 38-inches.

Mackinac County

East Lake, Millecoquins Lake, and South Manistique Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Manistee County

Bar Lake and Chief Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Marquette County

Deer Lake Basin (T48N, R27W, S27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34), Carp River/Carp Creek downstream from M-28 (T47N, R27W, S4) and all other tributaries to Deer Lake Basin: the daily possession limit is zero (0). Tackle: Artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food at any time on the shore or water.

Fish Lake (T47N, R29W, S5, 6, 8): the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 18-inches. The daily possession limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is one (1).

Bass (East) Lake, Cedar Lake (T47N, R27W, S11), Dead River Storage Basin, Engman Lake, Middle Branch Escanaba River, Big West Branch Escanaba River, Escanaba River Mainstream downstream to Boney Falls Basin (except Greenwood, Schweitzer and Cataract Reservoirs), Shag (Big) Lake, and Witch Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Mason County

Hackert (Crystal) Lake (T18N, R17W, S2, 3): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Gun Lake: the minimum size limit on Largemouth Bass is 10-inches.

Mecosta County

Canadian Lakes (in T14N, R8W, S20, 29, 30 north of Pierce Rd and south of Buchanan Rd in S19), Haymarsh Lake and Horsehead Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Menominee County

Shakey Lakes Chain including: Bass Lake, Beecher Lake, Lake Ann, Long Lake, East Lake, Resort Lake, Baker Lake, and Spring Lake and Westman Impoundment (including North and Hayward Lakes): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater. (Lake Ann water shall expire on September 15, 2028).

Missaukee County

Missaukee Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Montcalm County

Crystal Lake, Indian Lake and Rainbow Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Sand Lake and Townline Lake: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Monroe County

Crystal Waters State Game Area: the fishing season shall be open all year. The daily possession limit is zero (0). Tackle: all types of natural and artificial baits may be used.

Montmorency County

North and South Blue Lakes and Walled Lake: the fishing season shall be the last Saturday in April through September 30, inclusive. The daily possession limit is zero (0). Tackle: Artificial lures only.

Black River and tributary streams only, East Town Corner Lake, North Tomahawk Lake, Pug Lakes (T31N, R2E, S4, 5), Robarge (Pike) Lake, South Tomahawk Lake, and West Town Corner Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Muskegon County

Mona Lake: the minimum size limit on Muskellunge is 46-inches.

Big Blue Lake (T12N, R16W, S2, 3, 4): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Newaygo County

Sand Lake (T11N, R13W, S19) and Brush Lake (T14N, R12W, S1): the daily possession limit is zero (0) for Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, and Bullhead.

Baptist Lake (T11N, R11W, S23, 24): the daily possession limit is zero (0) for Walleye, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, and Bullhead.

Crystal Lake: the daily possession limit is zero (0) for Walleye.

Bills Lake, Diamond Lake, Nichols Lake, Ryerson (Long) Lake, Pickerel Lake, Kimball Lake, Emerald Lake, and Sylvan Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Oakland County

Upper Bushman Lake (T4N, R9E, S3): the daily possession limit is zero (0).

Oceana County

Round (Wykoff) Lake and Crystal Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Ogemaw County

East Twin Lake, Lake Ogemaw and Sage Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Ontonagon County

Ontonagon River (Ontonagon County): no more than one (1) Walleye over 23 inches may be possessed in the daily possession limit.

Lake of the Clouds (T15N, R43W, S21, 22): the daily possession limit for Smallmouth Bass is zero (0). Tackle: Artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food at any time on the shore or water.

Lake Gogebic: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Osceola County

Diamond Lake, Lake Miramichi, McCoy Lake, Rose Lake, and Wells Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Oscoda County

McCollum Lake and Pickerel Lake (Crawford and Oscoda Counties T24N, R1W, S24 and T28N, R1E, S19): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Ottawa County

Grand River (downstream from Sixth Street Dam) and Lake Macatawa: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46-inches.

Presque Isle County

Black Lake including all tributaries: the minimum size limit on Muskellunge is 46-inches.

Ocqueoc River and tributary streams, all lakes of the Ocqueoc River watershed including Ann, Bullhead, Ella, Emma, Ferdelman, Gorman, Horseshoe, Lost, Louise, Lower and Upper Barnhart, May, McIntosh, Moore, Mud, Nettie, Ocqueoc, Orchard, and Black Lake, the Black River and tributary streams, and the following lakes of the Black River watershed: Francis Lake, Tomahawk Flooding, East Town Corner Lake, and West Town Corner Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Roscommon County

Backus Creek from the stream mouth upstream, including all tributaries, Little Mud Lake Flooding, Backus Creek Flooding, and Backus Lake Flooding, Cut River from the river mouth at Houghton Lake upstream to CO 100 just downstream of Higgins Lake, Houghton Lake, Lake James and Lake St. Helen: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Schoolcraft County

Boot Lake, Colwell Lake, Crooked Lake, Gulliver Lake, Kennedy Lake, MacDonald Lake, Seney Wildlife Refuge Ponds, Stanley Lake, Thunder Lake, and Worchester (Wolf) Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

St. Joseph County

Corey Lake (T6S, R12W, S17, 18, 19, 20, 29) and Big Pleasant Lake: the minimum size limit on Largemouth Bass is 10-inches.

Van Buren County

Crooked Lake and Little Crooked Lake: the minimum size limit on Largemouth Bass is 10-inches.

Round Lake: the minimum size limit on Muskellunge is 38-inches.

Magician Lake: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Washtenaw County

Horseshoe Lake: the daily possession limit for Largemouth Bass and Northern Pike is one (1). The daily possession limit for Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Redear, Green Sunfish, Black Crappie and White Crappie, Warmouth, and Rock Bass in combination is ten (10).

Huron River, from the Mast Road Bridge in the Village of Dexter (T1S, R5E, S32) downstream to the Delhi Road Bridge (T2S, R5E, S2): the daily possession limit of Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is zero (0).

Wexford County

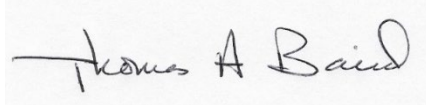
Pleasant Lake and Stone Ledge Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

This order supersedes the order titled "Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Waters," effective September 15, 2023, and is assigned number FO-206.23A.

This order shall take effect on April 1, 2025 and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.

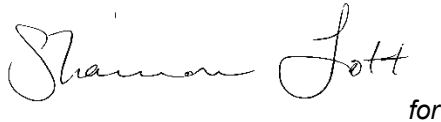
Issued on this 10th day of October 2024.

Approved as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.

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Thomas Baird, Chair
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannon Jott". The signature is written in a cursive style. To the right of the signature, the word "for" is written in a smaller, lowercase font.

M. Scott Bowen
Director